LUTHERAN CAMP PERKINS (PWS # 5070008) SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT FINAL REPORT

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Executive Summary

Under the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996, all states are required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to assess every source of public drinking water for its relative sensitivity to contaminants regulated by the Act. The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is completing the assessments for all Idaho public drinking water systems.

The assessment for your particular drinking water source is based on a land use inventory within a 1,000-foot radius of your drinking water source, sensitivity factors associated with the source, and characteristics associated with either your aquifer or watershed in which you live.

The delineation process establishes the physical area around a drinking water source that will become the focal point of the assessment. The arbitrary-fixed radius method was used to delineate transient water systems (Idaho Source Water Assessment Plan, pg. 15 and E5-E6) by drawing a 1000-foot radius circle around the drinking water sources. This distance is the same for every transient drinking water source. It is impractical to develop more intensive delineations for these systems because of limited resources for protection and lack of jurisdiction over land use outside property boundaries.

This report, *Source Water Assessment for the Lutheran Camp Perkins: Public Water System* (*PWS*) #5070008 describes the public drinking water system, the associated potential contaminant sources located within a 1,000-foot boundary around the drinking water source, and the susceptibility (risk) that may be associated with any associated potential contaminants. This assessment should be used as a planning tool, taken into account with local knowledge and concerns, to develop and implement appropriate protection measures for this system. **The results should** <u>not be</u> used as an absolute measure of risk and is not intended to undermine the confidence in your water system.

Final susceptibility scores are derived from equally weighing system construction scores, hydrologic sensitivity scores, and potential contaminant/land use scores. Therefore, a low rating in one or two categories coupled with a higher rating in other categories results in a final rating of low, moderate, or high susceptibility. With the potential contaminants associated with most urban and heavily agricultural areas, the best score a well can get is moderate. Potential Contaminants/Land Uses are divided into four categories, inorganic contaminants (IOCs, e.g. nitrates, arsenic), volatile organic contaminants (VOCs, e.g. petroleum products), synthetic organic contaminants (SOCs, e.g. pesticides), and microbial contaminants (e.g. bacteria). As different wells can be subject to various contamination settings, separate scores are given for each type of contaminant.

The *Lutheran Camp Perkins* drinking water system consists of three ground water wells that serve approximately 80 people through five connections. Well #1 and Well #2 rated highly susceptible and Well #3 rated moderately susceptible to IOCs, VOCs, SOCs, and microbial contaminants. The well draining soils within the area of the wells, the potential contaminant sources within the delineated areas of the wells, and the shallowness of Well #1 and Well #2 contributed to the overall susceptibility ratings of the wells.

The initial computer generated contaminant source inventory conducted by DEQ did not identify any potential contaminant sources within the 1,000-foot boundary. The Geographic Information System (GIS) map shows that all of the delineations include Lake Perkins, Alturas Lake Road, and a driveway to the camp. Additionally, the 2000 Ground Water Under Direct Influence (GWUDI) field survey indicates that an injection well and a drainfield are within 500 feet of each well. All of these potential contaminant sources can contribute contaminants to the aquifer in the event of an accidental spill or release. The table below lists these contaminants. A copy of the susceptibility analysis worksheet for the well for your system along with a map showing any potential contaminant sources is included with this summary.

Table 1. Lutheran Camp Perkins, Well #1, Well #2, Well #3, Potential Contaminant Inventory

Site #	Source Description ¹	Source of Information	Potential Contaminants ²
	Lake Perkins	GIS Map	IOC, VOC, SOC, Microbials
	Alturas Lake Road	GIS Map	IOC, VOC, SOC, Microbials
	Driveway	GIS Map	IOC, VOC, SOC, Microbials
	Drainfield	GWUDI Field Survey	IOC, Microbials
	Injection Well	GWUDI Field Survey	IOC, VOC, SOC

² IOC = inorganic chemical, VOC = volatile organic chemical, SOC = synthetic organic chemical

Susceptibility Analyses

The susceptibility of each well to contamination was ranked as high, moderate, or low risk according to the following considerations: hydrologic characteristics, physical integrity of the well, land use characteristics, and potentially significant contaminant sources. The susceptibility rankings are specific to a particular potential contaminant or category of contaminants. Therefore, a high susceptibility rating relative to one potential contaminant does not mean that the water system is at the same risk for all other potential contaminants. The relative ranking that is derived for each well is a qualitative, screening-level step that, in many cases, uses generalized assumptions and best professional judgement. The following summaries describe the rationale for the susceptibility ranking.

Hydrologic Sensitivity

The hydrologic sensitivity of a well is dependent upon four factors: the surface soil composition, the material in the vadose zone (between the land surface and the water table), the depth to first ground water, and the presence of a 50-foot thick fine-grained zone (aquitard) above the producing zone of the well. Slowly draining soils such as silt and clay typically are more protective of ground water than coarse-grained soils such as sand and gravel. Similarly, fine-grained sediments in the subsurface and a water depth of more than 300 feet protect the ground water from contamination.

The hydrologic sensitivity was high for all of the Lutheran Camp Perkins wells. The high scores were based upon moderate to well drained soil classes as defined by the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). Poor to moderately draining soils tend to impede the migration of contaminants to the aquifer. The vadose zone for Well #1 consisted of mostly boulders and first ground water was found between 30 and 48 feet below ground surface (bgs). The vadose zone for Well #2 consists of topsoil. First ground water is found at a very shallow depth of 8 feet bgs. The vadose zone for Well #3 consists also of topsoil because first ground water is found between 5 feet and 45 feet. There were very few layers of fine-grained zones within any of the well lithologies. Therefore, none of the wells had aquitards.

System Construction

Well construction directly affects the ability of the well to protect the aquifer from contaminants. System construction scores are reduced when information shows that potential contaminants will have a more difficult time reaching the intake of the well. Lower scores imply a system is less vulnerable to contamination. For example, if the well casing and annular seal both extend into a low permeability unit, then the possibility of contamination is reduced and the system construction score goes down. If the highest production interval is more than 100 feet below the water table, then the system is considered to have better buffering capacity. If the wellhead and surface seal are maintained to standards and the well casing is vented, as outlined in sanitary surveys, then contamination down the well bore is less likely. If the well is protected from surface flooding and is outside the 100-year floodplain, then contamination from surface events is reduced.

System construction for all of the wells was rated moderately vulnerable to contamination. According to the 2000 sanitary survey, wellhead and surface seals for each of the wells are maintained to standards and all of the wells are properly protected from surface flooding. However, the well logs indicate that none of the annular seals and casings extends to low permeable units. Though the casings of Well #1 and Well #2 are perforated, the wells are less than 100 feet deep total to have a producing zone that is 100 feet or deeper than the static water level. However, the greatest producing zone for Well #3 is at 240 feet bgs and the static water level is found at 20 feet bgs, a difference of depth greater than 100 feet.

The Idaho Department of Water Resources *Well Construction Standards Rules* (1993) require all Public Water Systems (PWSs) to follow DEQ standards. IDAPA 58.01.08.550 requires that PWSs follow the *Recommended Standards for Water Works* (1997) during construction. Some of the requirements include casing thickness, well tests, and depth and formation type that the surface seal must be installed into. Table 1 of the *Recommended Standards for Water Works* (1997) lists the required steel casing thickness for various diameter wells. All of the Lutheran Camp Perkins wells have a 0.250-inch thick, six-inch diameter casing. However, according to the table of the correct thickness for casing size, a six-inch diameter casing should have a casing thickness of 0.280 of an inch. Well tests are required at the design pumping rate for 24 hours or until stabilized drawdown has continued for at least six hours when pumping at 1.5 times the design pumping rate. Though the well may have met standards at the time of construction, current construction standards are stricter. In this case, the Lutheran Camp Perkins wells did not meet system construction standards.

Potential Contaminant Source and Land Use

All of the Lutheran Camp Perkins wells rated moderate for IOCs (e.g., arsenic, nitrate), VOCs (e.g., petroleum products), SOCs (e.g., pesticides), and microbial contaminants (e.g., bacteria). Total coliform bacteria were detected in December 1998 in the distribution system. However, no bacteria have been detected in the system since that time. No VOCs or SOCs have been detected in the system. The IOC nitrate was detected at levels far below the maximum contaminant level (MCL) set by the EPA. The predominant undeveloped land surrounding the wells contributed to the potential contaminant source and land use scores.

Final Susceptibility Rating

An IOC detection above a drinking water standard MCL, any detection of a VOC or SOC, or a detection of total coliform bacteria or fecal coliform bacteria at the wellhead will automatically give a high susceptibility rating to a well, despite the land use of the area, because a pathway for contamination already exists. Additionally, having potential contaminant sources within 50 feet of the wellhead will give an automatic high susceptibility rating. Having multiple potential contaminant sources within the 1000-foot radius of the well and much agricultural land contribute greatly to the overall ranking. In terms of total susceptibility, Well #1 and Well #2 rated high and Well #3 rated moderate to IOCs, VOCs, SOCs, and microbial contaminants. The well draining soils within the area of the wells, the potential contaminant sources within the delineated areas of the wells, and the shallowness of Well #1 and Well #2 contributed to the overall susceptibility ratings of the wells.

Options for Drinking Water Protection

This assessment should be used as a basis for determining appropriate new protection measures or re-evaluating existing protection efforts. No matter what ranking a source receives, protection is always important. Whether the source is currently located in a "pristine" area or an area with numerous industrial and/or agricultural land uses, the way to ensure good water quality in the future is to act now to protect valuable water supply resources.

For Lutheran Camp Perkins, drinking water protection activities should focus on correcting any deficiencies outlined in the sanitary survey (an inspection conducted every five years with the purpose of determining the physical condition of a water system's components and its capacity). Partnerships with state and local agencies and industry groups should be established and are critical to success. You may want to establish a dialog with the relevant state and local agencies related to wellhead protection. Drinking water protection activities should be aimed at long-term management strategies even though these strategies may not yield results in the near term.

Due to the time involved with the movement of ground water, drinking water protection activities should be aimed at long-term management strategies even though these strategies may not yield results in the near term. A strong public education program should be a primary focus of any drinking water protection plan because the delineations show large areas of urban land use. There are multiple resources available to help communities implement protection programs, including the Drinking Water Academy of the EPA. For areas where transportation corridors transect the delineation, the Department of Transportation should be included in protection activities. Drinking water protection activities for agriculture should be coordinated with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, the Soil Conservation Commission, the local Soil Conservation District, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Assistance

Public water suppliers and others may call the following DEQ offices with questions about this assessment and to request assistance with developing and implementing a local protection plan. In addition, draft protection plans may be submitted to the DEQ office for preliminary review and comments.

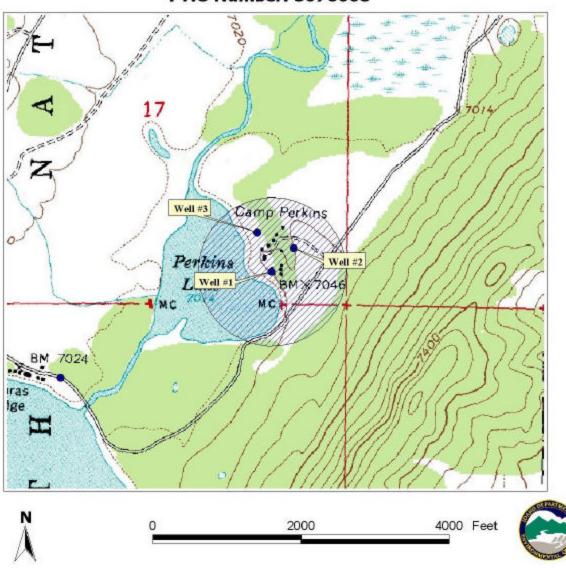
Twin Falls Regional DEO Office (208) 736-2190

State DEQ Office (208) 373-0502

Website: http://www.deq.state.id.us

Water suppliers serving fewer than 10,000 persons may contact Melinda Harper (mlharper@idahoruralwater.com), Idaho Rural Water Association, at (208) 343-7001 for assistance with drinking water protection (formerly wellhead protection) strategies.

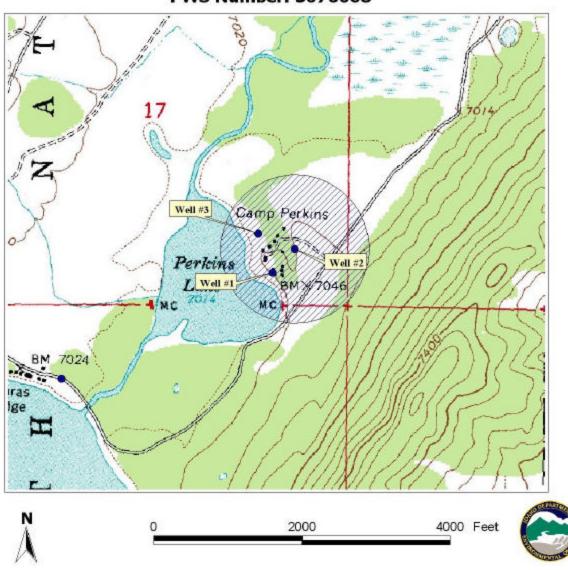
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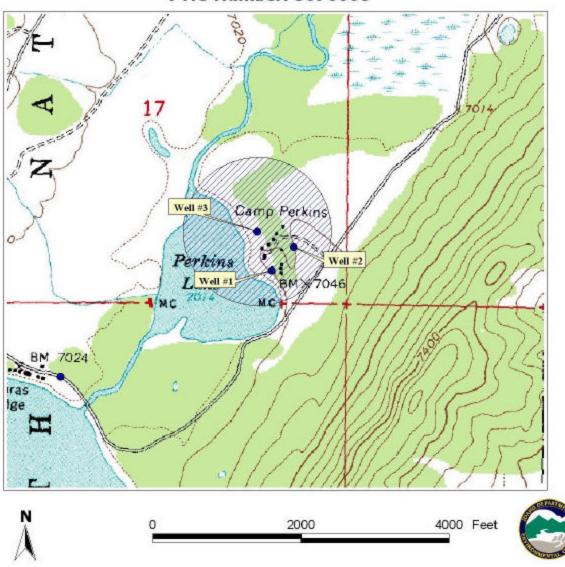


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POTENTIAL CONTAMINANT INVENTORY LIST OF ACRONYMS AND DEFINITIONS

AST (Aboveground Storage Tanks) – Sites with aboveground storage tanks.

<u>Business Mailing List</u> – This list contains potential contaminant sites identified through a yellow pages database search of standard industry codes (SIC).

<u>CERCLIS</u> – This includes sites considered for listing under the <u>Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act</u> (<u>CERCLA</u>). CERCLA, more commonly known as Superfund is designed to clean up hazardous waste sites that are on the national priority list (NPL).

<u>Cyanide Site</u> – DEQ permitted and known historical sites/facilities using cyanide.

<u>Dairy</u> – Sites included in the primary contaminant source inventory represent those facilities regulated by Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) and may range from a few head to several thousand head of milking cows.

<u>Deep Injection Well</u> – Injection wells regulated under the Idaho Department of Water Resources generally for the disposal of stormwater runoff or agricultural field drainage.

Enhanced Inventory – Enhanced inventory locations are potential contaminant source sites added by the water system. These can include new sites not captured during the primary contaminant inventory, or corrected locations for sites not properly located during the primary contaminant inventory. Enhanced inventory sites can also include miscellaneous sites added by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) during the primary contaminant inventory.

<u>Floodplain</u> – This is a coverage of the 100year floodplains.

<u>Group 1 Sites</u> – These are sites that show elevated levels of contaminants and are not within the priority one areas.

<u>Inorganic Priority Area</u> – Priority one areas where greater than 25% of the wells/springs show constituents higher than primary standards or other health standards.

<u>Landfill</u> – Areas of open and closed municipal and non-municipal landfills.

<u>LUST</u> (<u>Leaking Underground Storage Tank</u>) – Potential contaminant source sites associated with leaking underground storage tanks as regulated under RCRA.

<u>Mines and Quarries</u> – Mines and quarries permitted through the Idaho Department of Lands.)

Nitrate Priority Area – Area where greater than 25% of wells/springs show nitrate values above 5 mg/l.

NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) – Sites with NPDES permits. The Clean Water Act requires that any discharge of a pollutant to waters of the United States from a point source must be authorized by an NPDES permit.

<u>Organic Priority Areas</u> – These are any areas where greater than 25% of wells/springs show levels greater than 1% of the primary standard or other health standards.

Recharge Point – This includes active, proposed, and possible recharge sites on the Snake River Plain.

RICRIS – Site regulated under <u>Resource</u> <u>Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA)</u>. RCRA is commonly associated with the cradle to grave management approach for generation, storage, and disposal of hazardous wastes.

SARA Tier II (Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act Tier II Facilities) – These sites store certain types and amounts of hazardous materials and must be identified under the Community Right to Know Act

Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) – The toxic release inventory list was developed as part of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know (Community Right to Know) Act passed in 1986. The Community Right to Know Act requires the reporting of any release of a chemical found on the TRI list.

<u>UST (Underground Storage Tank)</u> – Potential contaminant source sites associated with underground storage tanks regulated as regulated under RCRA.

<u>Wastewater Land Applications Sites</u> – These are areas where the land application of municipal or industrial wastewater is permitted by IDEQ.

<u>Wellheads</u> – These are drinking water well locations regulated under the Safe Drinking Water Act. They are not treated as potential contaminant sources.

NOTE: Many of the potential contaminant sources were located using a geocoding program where mailing addresses are used to locate a facility. Field verification of potential contaminant sources is an important element of an enhanced inventory.

Where possible, a list of potential contaminant sites unable to be located with geocoding will be provided to water systems to determine if the potential contaminant sources are located within the source water assessment area.

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Susceptibility Analysis Formulas

The final scores for the susceptibility analysis were determined using the following formulas:

- 1) VOC/SOC/IOC Final Score = Hydrologic Sensitivity + System Construction + (Potential Contaminant/Land Use x 0.27)
- 2) Microbial Final Score = Hydrologic Sensitivity + System Construction + (Potential Contaminant/Land Use x 0.35)

Final Susceptibility Scoring:

- 0 5 Low Susceptibility
- 6 12 Moderate Susceptibility
- ≥ 13 High Susceptibility

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LUTHERAN CAMP PERKINS
Public Water System Number 5070008

Well# : WELL #1

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LUTHERAN CAMP PERKINS

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